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K.R.A. AND KEY MONEY RACKET

62 Vacant Houses In Kowloon District

27 On Board Missing Ship

Nanking, May 27.
The Chinese coastal steamer a.s. Chingchang, of the Chungkwa Steamship Company, with 27 passengers aboard, was reported missing while en route from Tientsin to Hainan.

The steamer was scheduled to arrive at Hainan on May 18. It is feared it might have been taken by pirates. —United Press.

ANTI-U.S. MOVES IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, May 27.
Posters denouncing United States aid to Japan covered the walls of the campus of American-endowed St. John's University, as the institution's "race exhibition", purported to have been designed to underscore the danger of United States aid to Japan's economic recovery, continued today to draw crowds of students and outside visitors.

The exhibition was confined mainly to woodcuts and cartoons and is part of the citywide student movement aimed directly at the United States policy in Japan.

One of the largest cartoons showed a sinister-looking Uncle Sam in the style of Rasputin, hiding in his long black cape a Japanese soldier carrying a bayoneted rifle. The Japanese was shown in the process of slaying a cowed Chinese civilian.

Another cartoon shows a sinister-looking MacArthur with a corn-cob pipe dangling from the corner of his mouth, energetically pouring gasoline into an erupting Japanese volcano with one hand and fanning the volcano with the other.

The American-owned Shanghai Evening Post said that old-time professors of St. John's University appeared to be considerably concerned over the development of the campus political trend and at the fact that the University grounds and buildings were being used by students from other schools as the centre for student political activities.

They are said to deplore the fact that the University, which was the earliest centre in China for cooperative Sino-American projects, is being utilized as the spring-board for anti-Americanism. —Reuters.

SPINDLES FOR H.K.

Tokyo, May 27.
Hong Kong will receive Japan's first post-war export of cotton spindles. A contract concluded last week calls for the export of 15,000 spindles to be manufactured by November this year. —Reuters.

COMMODITY JUMP IN TIENTSIN

Tientsin, May 27.
Commodity prices here have jumped skyward in the past few days.

Official circles attribute this partly to the influx of idle capital from Manchuria and to the circulation of "fantastic" rumours.

Typical of these was one spread over a week ago, and long since disproved, that Vice-President Li Tsung-jen and General Fu Tso-yi had been assassinated.

Cotton cloth, grain, gold and the American dollar, which serve as a price standard for other commodities, all rose to new heights.

Various measures have been

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Cardinal Spellman Retires

Representations To Government

Government came under fire at yesterday's annual general meeting of the Kowloon Residents Association for its failure or unwillingness to take positive action to suppress the key money racket.

It was revealed that the Association had submitted to Government a list of 62 "very beautiful" vacant houses in Kowloon Tong and other places on the mainland, which were newly rebuilt or rehabilitated and were left vacant. They were vacant because key money ranging anywhere from \$50,000 down to \$10,000 was being asked.

Government was asked what could be done to requisition or

GANDHI MURDER TRIAL

New Delhi, May 27.
Nathuram Vinayak Godse and eight co-defendants were brought to trial today for the murder of Mohandas K. Gandhi, spiritual leader of India's Hindu millions who was shot to death last February.

The nine defendants were charged with murder, conspiracy to murder and violations of the Explosives Act in a two-hour session.

They were not ordered to plead today but may do so when the court reconvenes on June 3. The court will then recess until June 14 when daily sittings will begin.

The trial will be heard before Atma Charan, Session Judge of the United Provinces, who had been named especially to hear the case.

The proceedings are expected to take several months and will include testimony of more than 200 witnesses.

The punishment for murder is death and for conspiracy to murder, death or life imprisonment. —United Press.

Americans Ambushed In Korea

Seoul, May 27.
Three American civilians were ambushed and one wounded by the Soviet-controlled North Korean Constabulary yesterday along the Soviet-United States occupation border, the U.S. Army announced today.

The civilian, whose name was withheld, was shot three times in the left shoulder and once in the leg. The Third Army reported that his condition was "good."

Police reports said the Americans were riding in jeeps with two Korean interpreters when a machine-gun suddenly opened fire from an emplacement across the border. The wounded man was immediately flown to Seoul. —United Press.

force the owners to let out the houses, but nothing was done.

This revelation was made by the Chairman, Mr. F.C. Clemo, in answer to a question from Mr. C.A. Southerton, who referred to the large number of new houses in Kowloon being left vacant for people who could offer the key money asked for, to come forward. The rent itself was not unreasonable, being anywhere from \$300 down to \$80 a month.

Mr. Russ suggested that Government had power to take over vacant premises, and suggested that if it took positive action in this direction, these vacant houses would very soon be occupied. The Association was requested to make representations to the Government.

The Chairman then replied that this very matter had in fact occupied the prior attention of the Association's Committee, but beyond an assurance from Government that the Association's representations were receiving consideration, it did not get any further.

"Government should be reminded of its assurance and asked to show more energy," said Mr. Russ.

Earlier in the discussion, a speaker suggested that to put a curb on the key money racket, the tendering of key money should be made equally illegal as accepting it. The Chairman replied that so long as there are people in the Colony with more money than they know what to do with, there was little one could do about it. The Committee had tried to attack the problem from all possible angles.

Home Building Scheme

The Chairman in his presidential address, reviewed practically every phase of the Association's municipal and social activities for the past twelve months ranging from recommendations made to Government for the Colony's new Municipal Council to street lighting and traffic, and from the need for more housing accommodation to street noises.

Mr. Clemo appealed for more new members. Applications should be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. T. Sheung, c/o Chi Sang Co., Union Building.

He continued: "We have noted with much regret that the original intentions of the Provisional Committee of the Home Building Society, elected at a meeting sponsored by this Association on July 25, 1946 and to be considerably modified as a result of changes in the financial situation between the time the scheme was first mooted and the date of Government's acceptance of the scheme in principle. (Continued on Page 4)

B.O.A.C. INCIDENT

Washington, May 27.
The Air Force announced today that the Commanding General of the United States Far East Air Forces has extended apologies to the United Kingdom political representative in Japan for the incident in which a British transport plane was intercepted by American fighters off Okinawa. —United Press.

LORD REA PASSES

London, May 26.
Lord Rea, 75-year-old merchant banker and Liberal member of the House of Commons from 1921 to 1935, died today. As Robert Russell, M.P., he served three different periods in the House of Commons for a total of 14 years. He was made a Peer 11 years ago. —Associated Press.

Talks With Russia Rejected

London, May 26.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, today rejected the idea of talks with Soviet Russia on outstanding issues of foreign policy.

Mr. John Platts-Mills, recently expelled from the Labour Party because of his alleged pro-Communist views, had suggested in the House that the British Ambassador in Moscow should be instructed to invite the Soviet Government to discuss matters in dispute between the two countries to achieve a general settlement.

Mr. Bevin replied that "there are matters awaiting settlement which specifically affect our two countries and those can be dealt with diplomatically." "The other issues affect other states, including members of the Commonwealth as well as ourselves, and can only be dealt with in consultation with them." —Reuters.

FACTORY FIRE IN KOWLOON

Damage amounting to over two lakhs of dollars was suffered in a fire involving two knitting factories in Ta Tit Street, Kowloon, yesterday.

Starting at 11.50 a.m. the fire was not put out for three hours. Three appliances from Kowloon Fire Station, under Divisional Officer Seymour, worked on the flames.

Some 60 weaving machines in one of the factories—the Luen Wah firm—were badly damaged and a large quantity of cloth and dyes destroyed. Destruction amounted to \$200,000.

In the other factory, the Sun Wah cloth and dyes worth over \$10,000 were destroyed, though the machines were intact.

SALE OF BRITISH CRUISER UNDER DEBATE

London, May 26.

The Admiralty said today that negotiations are proceeding for the sale of the British cruiser Ajax to the Chilean Government.

Identity Cards A "Must"

Chinese crossing the border must now possess identity cards issued by the Chinese authorities, according to vernacular press reports yesterday.

The "Kung Sheng Yat Po" reported that Sheungshui District residents who crossed the frontier have been asked to show their identity cards which are obtainable from the Chinese authorities on the border.

Similar reports came from Macao yesterday. The Chungshan authorities have posted personnel along the Macao-Chungshan border to inspect all people crossing the frontier for identity cards.

Elizabeth Feminist

Cardiff, May 27.

Princess Elizabeth today struck a blow for feminism. She told a gathering here that she hoped the freedom which women had won for themselves in this century would "from now on be recognised in form as well as in fact."

The claims of our sex to an equal share in the rights of citizenship and a fair opportunity to earn their living are no longer in dispute," the Princess said. "I think, too, that once these claims are accepted, there is

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Kashmir Amazons



Women volunteers parading on the polo field at Srinagar, Kashmir, awaiting inspection by the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, during celebrations marking the grant of responsible Government in Kashmir.

Jews Repulsed With Heavy Casualties

Tel-Aviv, May 27.

A major Jewish convoy attempting to break through the Arab blockade to besieged Jerusalem has been thrown back with heavy losses but is reforming for a second try, according to Arab reports reaching here today.

These accounts said 1,500 Jewish troops attacked Latroun on the road to Jerusalem to

divert attention while the powerful convoy attempted to drive through the Bab el Wad sector, 12 miles west of Jerusalem. Eight hundred of the attacking Jews were killed and large numbers captured.

Reinforcements have arrived and the Jews appeared ready to make a second effort to smash through the Arab blockade.

A Transjordan communiqué claimed the Arabs have established another roadblock on the Jerusalem highway by capturing the dominating Abu Gosh radar station, seven miles west of Jerusalem.

Arab reports claimed Legion troops in the old Walled City of Jerusalem have cut a path through the ancient city to the Jaffa Gate in the West splitting the Jewish resistance pocket in two.

Jewish sources claimed their Jerusalem forces counter-attacked in the direction of the Sheikh Jarrah quarter in North Jerusalem. They claimed the Arabs were pushed back and also the capture of a strongpoint dominating the northern approaches. —United Press.

Officials emphasised, however, that negotiations have not progressed further than quoting the price for the 6,985-ton cruiser in response to an inquiry from Chile.

An Admiralty official said: "It does not follow that this quotation will induce the would-be purchaser to pursue enquiries."

It will be recalled that Ajax and her sister ship, Achilles, both veterans of the British naval victory in the Plate River battle against the German battleship Graf Spee, were previously earmarked for transfer to the Indian Navy and it is not known whether this proposal has yet been altered or abandoned.

The London Times Naval correspondent commented today that the Ajax has "a high price" by reason of her notable war service.

"If she must be disposed of they would welcome her transfer to a service whose relations with the Royal Navy are as close and cordial as those of the Chilean Navy. On the other hand they will remember Chile's annexation of British territory in the Antarctic proclaimed by President Vedrington Feb. 23—this year's marked departure from the earlier cordiality which might well affect the willingness of the British people to assist building up Chile's naval strength." —United Press.

found to be no conflict between the rights that women have won and the duties to which they are born; because the love of home and family is a natural instinct which can never take second place."

The Princess was speaking as the first woman ever to receive the freedom of Wales principal city. —Reuters.

ABDICATION RUMOURS

SCAP Denial Of Hirohito Story

Tokyo, May 27.

Rumours that the Emperor of Japan might abdicate in the near future to indicate assumption of his share of responsibility in connection with the war crimes trials were described by high SCAP circles today as "obviously mere rumour and nothing more."

Disturbing Conflict

Washington, May 26.

The Washington Evening Star in an editorial today said "the growing poor state of relations between the U.S. and Britain, though primarily due to the Arab-Jewish war in Palestine, is producing repercussions which are more far-reaching."

"The Palestine issue acts like a pervasive irritant, affecting adversely contacts between Washington and London in almost every field."

"This is a serious matter, because the close understanding between the American and British Governments has been both the driving force and the cement of nearly all the constructive endeavours towards world recovery and stability."

"Without that intangible yet vital psychological factor, much of what is being attempted in Europe as well as in the Middle East—even the Far East—would be gravely handicapped, possibly jeopardised." —Associated Press.

"We have heard nothing which would lead us to believe the Emperor has any intention of giving up his post," a high SCAP official said. "To the best of our knowledge and belief the Emperor may be expected to retain his position indefinitely."

The high SCAP official pointed out that the new constitution definitely fixes the position of the Emperor and that the Imperial Household now is such that it would be extremely difficult for the Emperor to abdicate even if he wished to do so.

It is known that the Emperor enjoys the full confidence of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who frequently has described the Emperor as a patriotic citizen utterly devoted to the welfare of his country.

The General has repeatedly emphasised that the Emperor has given SCAP the fullest cooperation and has served and is serving an extremely useful purpose in laying the foundations for a democratic state in which the ruler derives his position "from the will of the people with whom resides the sovereign power."

Passed By Censor
The rumour apparently originated from statements made by certain Japanese in connection with speculation about the impending verdicts in the war crimes trials.

The fact that a Japanese press dispatch attributed to "Matsunaga Radio" was passed by the Allied censors, including references to abdication rumours, caused some Japanese editors to believe that SCAP might take the abdication reports seriously.

SCAP officials said, however, that the Japanese press report was passed in conformity with the policy of greatly relaxed censorship. Nobody in SCAP believes the rumour is true, it was said.

All informants in high SCAP circles agreed that the position of the Emperor may be considered as completely stable and that his abdication now or in the future is no thought whatever of future. —United Press.

Shanghai Ceremony

Shanghai, May 27.
A special service will be held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral here on Sunday morning, June 6, for the 57 Allied nationals who died during the years of internment by the Japanese in various camps in Shanghai, after which boxes containing their ashes will be placed in the crypt of the Cathedral.

Representatives of various National societies will wheel in the 57 boxes, suitably covered with the Union Jack, for the service, which will include the committing and prayers from the service for the burial of the dead. —Reuters.

REDS IN NANKING VICINITY

Nanking, May 27.

The first disclosure of a two-army Communist striking force within 50 miles of Nanking was made by the National Defence Ministry in an announcement today reporting a Nationalist victory in a three-day battle at Tachiao, 15 miles west of Yangchow.

The announcement said the Government forces, in a battle north-east of the capital, dispersed and sent the Reds, commanded by Gen. Chen Yi, retreating in disorder to the north-east and south-east.

It said that Tachiao, which is in north Kiangsu Province and the same distance from the Yellow River as from Nanking, was recaptured by the Nationalist army. It said that 8,000 Communists were killed or wounded.

Aside from the significance attached to the fact that a large Red force was within 50 miles of Nanking, another factor just as significant was Chen Yi's ability to rebuild a new Communist striking force that close to China's capital. Chen was driven from Kiangsu in the Nationalist offensive launched soon after the breakdown of the Marshall mediation mission. —United Press.

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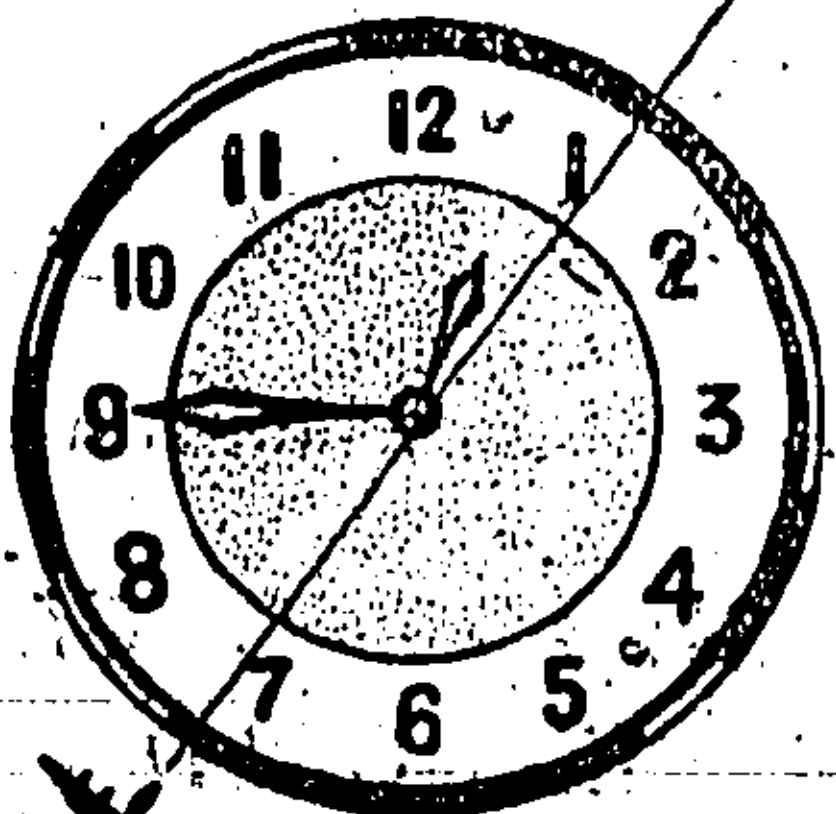
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Telephone Co. Meeting:

RATE DISCUSSIONS
WITH GOVERNMENT

Net earnings of only \$193,210, or roughly 2.5% on paid-up capital, were revealed at the annual meeting of the H.K. Telephone Co., Ltd. yesterday by Mr. N. O. C. Marsh, chairman of the board of directors, who said that negotiations were continuing with Government for rate adjustment.

Income from interest dividends and exchange is some \$52,317 less than for the preceding year, accounted for by realising some investments.

The sum of \$1,102,213 is not profit for the year. It is my duty to point out with very particular emphasis that if you subtract the gain on investments of \$580,002 plus the interest on investments of \$109,034 you will find that the legitimate earnings of the business as a telephone operating company of some magnitude amount to the insignificant sum of \$345,787—before making provision of \$92,577 for "capital reserve instalment" and \$60,000 for "corporation profits tax." When these provisions are accounted for the net earnings amount to \$193,210 or roughly 2.5% on the present paid up capital.

"Your Company has not relaxed its efforts to secure a very necessary tariff adjustment. In August 1945 we were the first utility to take over its business, and we were exhorted by the Civil Affairs Administration to keep our charges as near pre-war level as possible in order to set an example and to assist them in controlling prices in general. This your Company willingly agreed to on the understanding that it was recognised that the rates were likely to be uneconomic."

Inconceivable

"Facts and figures have been presented in profusion, but still without result, although it is clear from the negotiations that Government recognises the necessity for rate adjustment. It is hoped, however, that due to cognisance will now be taken by the authorities concerned of the remarks I have just made—supported as they are by the figures now presented to you."

"It is surely inconceivable that the intention is to make it chronically impossible to maintain the high standard of service now being rendered, and also to make it equally impossible to develop your system as to take care of future expansion. It does not appear to be sufficiently appreciated that the telephone business, which is essentially built for long-term planning, must have adequate financial resources if the best interests of the community are to be served."

The fixed assets do not yet fully reflect the capital commitments which have been entered into, but you will observe the note made by your auditors to the effect that these now amount to some \$5,800,000.

Under "lands & buildings" the additions, during the year of

Reminders

Today

Annual meeting, Indo-China Steamship Navigation Co. Ltd., Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Meeting to discuss revival of Hong Kong Art Club, St. Francis Hotel, 1st Flr., 5.30 p.m.

Presentation of stage show "Knock" by French A.D.C. at China-Fleet Club Theatre, 9 p.m.

Annual general meeting of the H.K. Chinese Medical Association, H.K. University Building, 9 p.m. (Dinner at 7 p.m.)

Classical Music Recital, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

H.K. Light Orchestra, 27B, Robinson Rd., 8.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Launching of first post-war vessel by H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., at Hong Kong, 11.30 a.m.

"Stage" Dinner, Victoria Recreation Club, 8 p.m.

Open All Dance, at W.O.'s, 8 p.m.

Sgt. Mess, Shamshuipo, 9 p.m.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L. T. Rice, CBE, ED, Commandant, H.K.V.D. Corps, Order No. 15/48, dated 27.5.48.

War Salaries. The attention of all concerned is drawn to the announcement in the English and Chinese Press in 1948 concerning war salary payments and arrears.

Details of how Volunteers should apply for these payments will appear in the Press during the next few days.

Course for B.A.S.S. and C.A.S.S. The course will commence on Tuesday, June 1 at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room of the Corps Headquarters.

Part 2 Orders, No. 19/48: Strength, 4001 Pte. Nelson Cameron, Section posted to No. 3 Coy, H.K.V.D.

(Sgd.) J. WESTON, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

HIS COUSIN FOUND THEM

A routine search of bus passengers at the junction of Gloucester and Chatham Roads on May 19 brought out a parcel containing 45 rounds of .32-remington calibre but capable of firing 100 rounds.

Charged with possession of ammunition, Kwok Kau, 23, was sentenced by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday to six months' hard labour.

Defendant, who told the court that he had found the parcel in a police car, informed the police that he was looking for the bullets, given to him by his female cousin who had told him that she had found them in a car.

He asked him to sell them for him.

New Stations

The cash situation remains favourable, and living relief adjustments, and living relief adjustments, will continue to require careful scrutiny.

On the liabilities side, all the calls on the partly paid shares made last year, with the exception of some \$30,037, had been paid by Dec. 31, 1947.

The present capital is inadequate, not only vis-a-vis the realistic value of assets, but also having regard to provision for future expansion. The directors are keeping this and other relevant matters constantly before them.

The work of consolidating, maintaining, and extending telephone facilities in the Colony is being carried on with zeal and without intermission. The Company installed an additional 3,559 telephone stations during the year.

Seconding the proposal for adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. C. E. Terry said:

"Patience and perseverance have been exercised in the course of negotiations with Government on the question of reasonable adjustment of telephone charges."

It is obviously impossible for any company to continue to meet dividend commitments from reserves, and it is fundamentally unsound that a utility company should be compelled to look to extraneous sources for its revenue through being denied the opportunity of securing it from the service for which it is designed and which it maintains at a high level of efficiency.

Supporting the chairman were Messrs. R. K. Valentine, D. H. Blake, D. C. Davies, F. C. Barry and Sir Shou-son Chow (Director).

Mr. J. P. Sherry (Managing Director) and Mr. S. Grove (Secretary).

Among shareholders present were: Messrs. Tam Kok-jin, A. McKellar, A. G. Langton, C. E. Terry, W. H. Kwan, Au Cheuk-sing, E. R. Child, Lam Kwai, W. Griffin, Li Shui-wing, Major C. W. L. Mok Tai-in and W. G. E. Eggleston.

Mr. F. C. Barry and Sir Robert Kotewall were re-elected Directors and Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews re-appointed auditors.

Just Not
Clever
Enough

Seizures of raw opium on board the Tainan when she docked at the Custom's Wharf on Wednesday in various quantities and different methods of concealment were revealed by R.O. Redman before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when two males and two females were charged with possession.

So Sui, 35, female, with 33 tins strapped round her legs, who pleaded that she was carrying the opium for someone else and did not know the seriousness of the offence, received a fine of \$300 or three months.

Wong Ah-lum, who had 30 tins concealed in the false bottom of a basket received four months and a recommendation for banishment.

Ng Lee-ming, who had 18 tins concealed inside a table top received four months and banishment.

Lee Muk-to, who had 24 tins inside a suitcase, got four months and banishment.

Stole Officers' Cheese

Small lumps of cheese wrapped in newspaper were featured in an exhibit in a charge against a 20-year-old waiter of the R.A.F. Officers' Mess, Kowloon, for stealing cheese by servant, at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday.

Convicted by Mr. Blair-Kerr, he was fined \$25.

Defendant, pleading not guilty, said that he picked up the lumps from different tables after the evening meal and thought it all right to take them home.

He was arrested by Sergeant Harris as he was leaving by the main gate and brought to the Police Station.

FUNERAL OF DR. F. S. WONG

The funeral of the late Doctor F. S. Wong, and the port doctor of Amoy and Swatow took place at the Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon.

He died at his home at the time of his death aged 61 years. He was the chairman of the board of directors of the Amoy Canning Company.

Nearly 500 wreaths were sent from various companies, firms, relatives and friends.

THREE JAPANESE
TO HANG

Three Japanese officials charged with the murder of the Rev. Leonard Kentish, of the Australian Methodist Overseas Mission, on Apo, Aro Islands, on Feb. 5, 1943, were sentenced to be hanged yesterday by the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court.

The accused were: Lieut. Sugihara Mangan, Chief Petty Officer Moyama Kenzo and Kohama Shosuke, civilian administrator attached to the Imperial Japanese Navy South Seas Staff.

The court comprising Lt. Col. J. G. Kullen (President), Major J. K. Lloyd, Major N. P. Quifford and Capt. M. B. Thindale reached its verdict after the closing addresses of the Defence and Prosecution, following the hearing of defence mitigation evidence. Court ruled that the accused guilty of the charges laid will be hanged to death.

Major A. Mackay, Australian Div., SCAP (HQ), Tokyo, presided.

The Rev. Kentish, of Queensland, was one of the survivors of the "HMAS Patoka" which was patrolling off the Arnhem Land coast. He was then captured by the plane which landed near the wreck and taken to Apo, where he was imprisoned for intelligence information.

As a result of the heavy Allied assault on the island, which was the capital of the Apo Islands, the Japanese were taken to Japan.

GOOD YEAR FOR
PEAK TRAMWAY

Traffic receipts \$90,000 higher than the previous 15 months, were reported for the year ending March 31, 1948, at the annual meeting of Peak Tramways Co., Ltd. yesterday.

Mr. D. E. Clark, presiding, said:

"Profit for the year, after allowing for depreciation of buildings, rolling stock and electrical haulage plant, amounts to \$145,037.36 which is satisfactory. Traffic receipts were some \$90,000 higher than the previous 15 months' period and earnings received show an increase of \$5,000. On the other side of the account, wages show an appreciable rise."

"Reconstruction has gone on throughout the year, and with the arrival of some machine tools for our workshop, we have been able to undertake much more of this work ourselves, with considerable saving. Two cars were reconditioned and are now in first class order whilst the third is being entirely rebuilt. This car was wrecked by a shock during the attack on Hong Kong and was later patched up by the Japanese. Repairs to building at the Peak Terminus were also undertaken during the year. War losses account will be reduced by \$30,000 and the balance of \$70,000 will be gradually written off."

"Since the War the Peak Tram has been increasingly patronised by Chinese residents, and with the opening of the Peak Cafe, a trip to the Peak makes a very pleasant break from the hurly-burly of the Town. Weather conditions however, play a prominent part, and for the year under review, these were distinctly favourable."

The time table has been increased by eight regular cars and the average number of cars per day during the year under review was 46 as against the present time table of 40 cars; 97 cars were run per day, pre-war. When traffic warrants, extra cars are always run in addition to those scheduled on the time table.

"Passengers for the year totalled 876,000 as against 732,000 for the previous 15 months."

"The service was interrupted only twice during the year; once for a few hours to clear a small landslide and once for 36 hours for repairs to a main bearing."

Prospects Good

April 1948 receipts were over 40% higher than for the corresponding month last year and may be expected to show a similar percentage increase, however, that this percentage increase will continue throughout the year as receipts for the latter half of the year under review were much higher than the first half."

Mr. Clark proposed that the sum of \$158,158.31 be allocated as follows:

To pay a Dividend of \$1.00 per share, less tax on 25,000 shares \$25,000.00

Fully paid shares \$40,500.00

To pay a dividend of 80 cts. per share, less tax, on 50,000 shares \$40,500.00

Paid-up shares \$40,500.00

To Transfer to Provision for Passages and Leave Pay \$20,000.00

To Transfer to Provision for Taxation and Contingencies \$15,000.00

To Transfer to War Losses Account \$30,000.00

And Carry Forward \$11,472.63

Total \$158,158.31

The report and accounts, seconded by Mr. F. A. Waller, were adopted unanimously.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Major C. W. L. Mok, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. N. O. C. Marsh and Messrs. L. Radcliffe and M. H. Turner were re-elected to the Board.

Personalia

Mr. J. F. R. Loutit, a Director and Chief Actuary of the Starr Group of Life Insurance Companies (American International Assurance Co. Ltd.; Asia Life and the U. S. Life Insurance Company) who has been in Manila for some months, is a passenger on "President Wilson" which is due this morning. He is expected to stay in Hong Kong for about two weeks.

A tea party will be given by Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, to the members of S.J.O.A. and their families on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Mr. Kwok's residence, No. 10 Po Shun Road.

It is traditional for Alumni of St. John's University to hold a May Outing annually at the University campus in Shanghai. The May Outing at Mr. Kwok's residence for the Alumni is keeping up with the old tradition of St. John's University. More than sixty alumni and their families are expected to take part.

At its next meeting on Tuesday the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will be addressed by Mr. Wei Tat, M.A., who will speak on "The Book of Changes and the Social Order."

The meeting will take place in the Root Garden, Hong Kong, Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

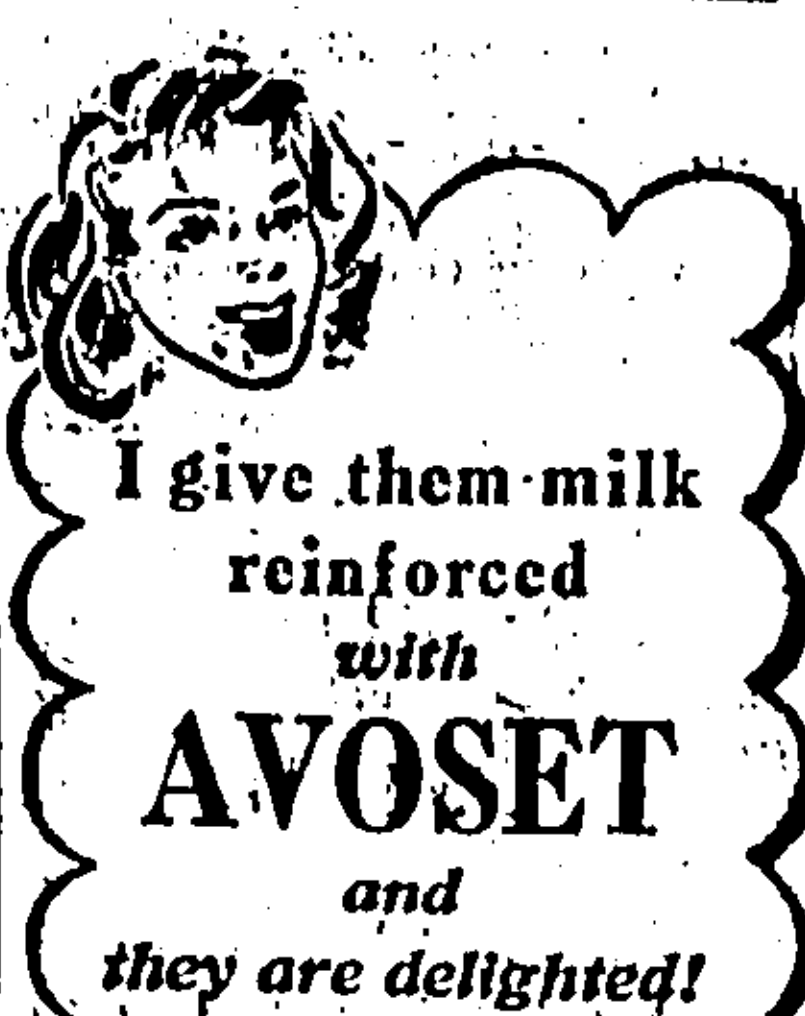
Yesterday's departures for Southampton by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat were Messrs. A. Dabestain, B. C. Finch, E. A. Shields, E. A. Dahlin, Choy Wai-chuen, A. K. Morkill, Mrs. E. Greco, Mrs. D. M. Main, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Parlett and Master M. H. J. Parlett. Others aboard the aircraft were Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. H. C. Chan, Mr. E. A. Calder and Mr. K. M. Lightbody (for Calcutta); Mr. Cheng Shang-peng (for Rangoon); G. Capt. R. J. Bone, Mr. A. L. Mazzia, Mrs. Cheng Shin, Miss Ching Chung-tor and Miss Ching Chung-yun (for Bangkok).

Latest arrivals from Southampton by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat are Professor D. J. Sloos, Mrs. E. P. Gull, Mr. L. Ward and Mr. L. Barton. Also arriving by the same aircraft were Messrs. Joseph Douak (from Calcutta); Mr. Soo Hoon (from Rangoon); Messrs. J. Gray, A. Pantelimonov, Lee Kwang-how and A. Detels (from Bangkok).

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—David Bennett, J. Palmer, G. McKill, E. G. F. Wafer, Morris Feldman, A. B. Calder, J. K. Gray, Mrs. E. P. Gull, L. A. Barton, R. A. Ward, J. F. Hardgrove, R. E. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Parlett, Mrs. Y. Lewis and E. Himsforth.

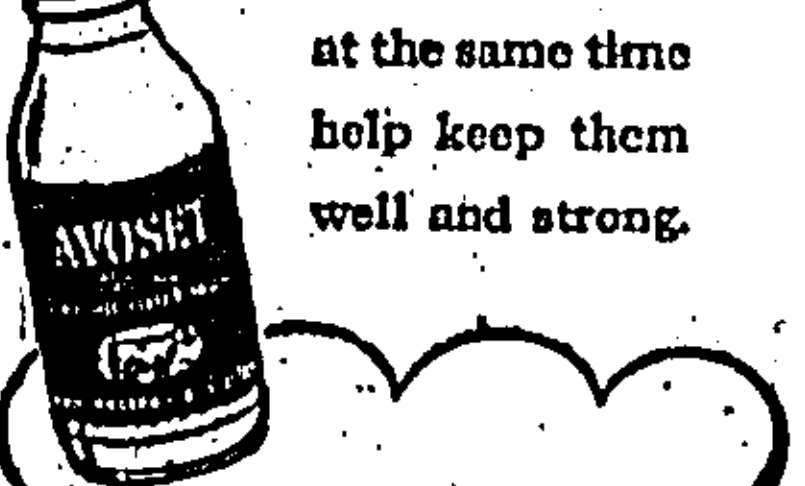
The marriage of Mr. Henry James Ollerden, of Cathay Hotel to Miss Gloria Claire Roberts of 88 Robinson Road took place at the Registry of the Supreme Court before the Registrar of Marriages yesterday. Witnesses to the wedding were Messrs. Nicholas Chalmers and James W. Anderson.

The forthcoming wedding have been announced of Mr. James Francis Whelan of H.M. Dockyard to Miss Rosalene Markus of Oliveira of 83 Wong Nei Chung.



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ed "Tender of Photographs",
will be received at the office
of the Chairman, Tender
Board, Colonial Secretariat,
Lower Albert Road, until noon
on Friday, 4th June, 1948, for
taking progress photographs of
Public Works over a period
up to the 31st March, 1949.

Tenderers must attach to
each tender a Deposit Receipt
showing that they have de-
posited at the Treasury,
Prince's Building, the sum of
\$50.00 as a pledge of the bona
fide of their tenders which
sum will be forfeited to the
Crown if the successful
tenderer fails or refuses to
implement his tender. The
Deposits will be returned to
unsuccessful tenderers.

Forms of tender, specifica-
tion and other particulars may
be obtained at the Head-
quarters, Public Works Depart-
ment, Secretariat Building,
ground floor, Lower Albert
Road.

The Government does not
bind itself to accept the lowest
or any tender and reserves the
right to accept all or any part
of any tender.

V. KENIFF,
Director of Public Works.
28th May, 1948.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a
Ship's Name

We, The Taikoo Dockyard &
Engineering Company of Hong
Kong Limited of Quarry Bay,
Hong Kong, hereby give notice
that in consequence of being
debarred of co-ordinating
nomenclature, we have applied
to the Minister of Transport,
under Section 47 of the Mer-
chant Shipping Act, 1894, in
respect of the Tug T.I.D. 146
of Hong Kong Registry,
Official Number 180432, Gross
Tonnage 54.43 tons, Register
Tonnage Nil tons, heretofore
owned by us, for permission to
change her name to "TAIKOO
FU" and to have her registered
in the new name at the Port
of Hong Kong as owned by
THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD &
ENGINEERING COMPANY OF
HONG KONG LIMITED.

Any objection to the pro-
posed change of name must be
sent to the Registrar of Ship-
ping at Hong Kong within
SEVEN days from the appear-
ance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the
26th day of May, 1948, THE
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J. FINNIE,
Manager.

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Monthly Ticket holders can
travel on any tramcar and on
any route during the month of
issue; there are no restrictions
on the number of journeys
taken.

Tickets for the month of
June may be obtained, as
follows:—

New tickets for passengers
not holding a ticket for the
present month can be obtained
only at the Traffic Office,
Canal Road East, on and after
31st May.

Existing tickets can be re-
newed at the Traffic Office,
Canal Road East, on the 28th
and 29th May and from 2nd
June.

Tickets may also be re-
newed at Queen's Building, Con-
naught Road, Entrance near
Star Ferry on 28th, 29th, 31st
May and 1st June.

V. WALKER
Acting General Manager
25th May, 1948.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A non-religious memorial
ceremony for the late Master
Au Chun who lost his life in
an attempt to help a friend
at the 10 1/2-mile beach, Castle
Peak, on May 23, 1948, will
be held on Saturday, May 29,
1948, at the Tung Ling Kok
Yuen, Shan Kwong Road, at
3 p.m.

NOTICE

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY

It is hereby notified that
sealed tenders in duplicate,
which should be clearly mark-
ed "Tender for lowering of
couplers" will be received at
the office of the Chairman, Tender
Board, Colonial Secretariat,
until noon on Friday, the 11th
June, 1948.

Tenderers must attach to
each tender a receipt showing
that they have deposited with
the Senior Accountant of the
Kowloon-Canton Railway the
sum of \$500 as a pledge of the
bona fides of their tenders,
which sum shall be forfeited to
the Crown if the success-
ful tenderer fails or refuses to
carry out his tender. The
deposits will be returned to
unsuccessful tenderers.

The successful tenderer will
be required to deposit at the
Treasury, Prince Building, Des
Voeux Road, the sum of
\$5,000.00 as security for due
and faithful performance of
his contract.

Forms of tender and speci-
fication may be obtained from
the Head Office, Kowloon-
Canton Railway.

The Government does not
bind itself to accept the lowest
or any tender, and reserves
the right to accept all or any
part of the tender.

A. E. PERRY,
Acting General Manager,
Railway.
22nd May, 1948.

NOTICE TO EXPORTERS PRESERVED GINGER

With effect from 31st May,
1948, Preserved Ginger in
casks or jars will be added to
the commodities of the de-
stricted list, and export
licences will only be given
provided the exporter agrees
to surrender the full foreign
exchange proceeds of the sale
to an authorized bank.

Exporters who have already
entered into contracts for the
sale of Preserved Ginger
abroad on the understanding
that the foreign exchange
proceeds would be free should
submit details to the Exchange
Control Office for considera-
tion at an early date.

A. G. CLARKE,
Financial Secretary.
20th May, 1948.

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vites enquiries for the purchase
of Machine Tools which are
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on Sunday, June 7th, 1948, from
6.30 to 9.30 p.m. at the Chinese
Club, Bank of Canton Building.

K.R.A. And Key Money Racket

(Continued from Page 1)

"A great deal of care and
thought was given to this scheme
by its originator, Mr. Hugh Bragg,
and by the Provisional Commit-
tee under the Chairmanship of
Mr. C.E. Terry. As the object
of the scheme would have gone a
long way toward solving one of
Government's main problems, i.e.
housing it was felt that official
support might be forthcoming
in the way of finance.

Good Terms

"Government evinced great
interest in the scheme and did
in fact promise assistance in
connection with the terms for
the purchase of land; but were
unwilling to support it to the
extent of granting loans.
"Government's sympathetic
consideration of the suggestion
put forward by the Committee
with regard to purchase of the
land has in fact resulted in very
favourable terms being offered,
and is in marked contrast to the
difficultly experienced in obtain-
ing finance at reasonable rate of
interest.

"Many people have indicated
to the Committee of the Home
Building Scheme their interest in
obtaining housing accommodation
in the manner originally planned,
but upon having to fall back on
outside finance, they found that
the cost would be considerably
higher than at first anticipated,
and accordingly interest in the
scheme dropped off. As the pur-
pose of this scheme is so desir-
able to the community as a
whole, it is to be hoped that time
will find a solution to the dif-
ficulties which now stand in the
way of successful fulfilment.
"We await with interest the
next report from the Provisional
Committee, which will presum-
ably tell us whether it has been
found possible to proceed with
the scheme or not.

Brothels

"Complaints have been re-
ceived as to the improper use
of residential property houses
in the Cameron Road and
Austen Road areas have been
used as brothels, also as go-
downs. These matters were
taken up by your Association,
whose efforts achieved some im-
provement in the situation.
"Your Association has carried
out a survey of habitable vacant
properties in Kowloon and has
been in constant touch with
Government on the whole ques-
tion of dwelling accommodation.
"Efforts have been made to
stop the 'tea money' racket, but
unfortunately without much
success.

"Other aspects of the dwelling
rehabilitation problem received
the Committee's attention and the

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It is notified for general in-
formation that the Port Health
Office will be situated in the
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G. H. THOMAS,
Acting Director of Medical
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27th May, 1948.

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BRITISH OFFICERS IN ARAB LEGION: BEVIN STATEMENT

London, May 26.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, told Parliament today that Britain's obligation to the British Army officers in the Transjordan forces would cease only if its fulfilment became inconsistent with the obligations to the United Nations.

"In this connection, I am still awaiting the Arab response to the cease-fire resolution," he added.

Mr. Bevin said that he was trying to pursue a policy of ending hostilities and would not be drawn into any controversy at this stage. He said that no British officers were employed in directing the artillery bombardment of Jerusalem.

According to the latest information received there were 37 British officers serving with the Arab Legion at the moment, the Foreign Secretary added. Three of these were seconded from the service of the Government of Palestine. With the end of the mandate, these officers decided to terminate their connection with the Colonial Service.

None in Jerusalem

Thirteen of the total were civilians on contract to the Transjordan Government. The remainder were an secondment from the British forces.

Mr. Bevin added: "There are no British officers in Jerusalem. The British Army officers seconded to the Transjordan forces are provided under the Anglo-Transjordan Treaty, by which the British Government binds itself to provide, on request, any British Service personnel, whose services are required to secure the efficiency of the Transjordan Army."

Mr. Sydney Silverman, a Jewish Labour Member, asked: Is it fitting that a force paid for by British money and wearing uniforms and carrying equipment provided by us should be engaged in shelling the holy places?

Jews To Blame

Mr. Richard Stokes, Labour, who often puts the Arab case in Parliament, asked: Before the Foreign Secretary answers that, can he say the extent of American support to the Jews?

Mr. Bevin replied: "Put your money on and take your choice. I can say, as I said yesterday, I am trying to pursue a policy of ending hostilities and do not intend to be drawn into any controversy at this stage. The British will do what we conceive to be right."

GOVERNOR DEAD

Phoenix, Arizona, May 27. Governor Sidney P. Osborn of Arizona died today after a long illness. He was 64. His daughter, Mrs. Robert Crawford, resides in Hong Kong with her husband and small daughter.—Associated Press.

Marshall Declines To Comment

Washington, May 26.

Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, declined to comment today on the reported plan to give a loan of up to \$100 million to Israel.

He said all he knew about it was what he had read in the papers today about yesterday's conversation between President Harry S. Truman and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Provisional Government of Israel.

Mr. Marshall reiterated that the United States was still waiting to see what the United Nations Security Council would do on Palestine before making a decision on the lifting of its present embargo on the shipment of arms to Israel.

At the same time, he said that yesterday's meetings in London between Mr. Lewis Douglas, the American Ambassador, and British officials were "special discussions."

He said that Mr. Douglas' reports were still under study and therefore he refused to comment on the possibility of a joint Anglo-American plan being worked out for Palestine now.—Reuter.

Tit For Tat Policy Urged

London, May 26.

Mr. Ruper de la Bere, a Conservative Member of Parliament, suggested today that the Government should adopt a policy of "tit for tat" with the United States over Malayan rubber and American tobacco.

He urged in Parliament that as Britain was paying 1/2d. a pound for American tobacco compared with 1/3d. before the war, the United States should be asked to pay "a more adequate price" for Malayan rubber. The average price for rubber now was less than that for 1938 and the need for a contribution towards the dollar deficit was urgent, he said.

Mr. David Rees Williams, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, replied that the British Government was well aware of the importance of rubber as a dollar earner, but the rubber market was free and the Government could not control prices in any way.—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN TREATY TEST

Washington, May 26.

American Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, said today the future course of the Austrian independence treaty negotiations would be "a test in cooperation by Russia."

The only "justifiable basis" for resuming treaty discussions, he said, would be the rejection of Yugoslavia's claims on territory of southern Carinthia and Styria, and on reparations amounting to \$150 million from Austria.

Mr. Marshall said a solution of the Austrian problem should have been swift and easy. A final settlement was long overdue.—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—"Strings with Wings" Orchestre (O.R.B.S.)

1.00 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Nothing but Music! Played by The Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (O.R.B.S.)

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour Songs for Boys and Girls presented by Donald Fraser (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—"One Night Stand" Presented by Philip Dunn (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music (B.B.C.T.S.).

7.15 p.m.—Songs by Mexican Composers (Frederick Fuller)—Baritone, (B.B.C.T.S.).

7.40 p.m.—"The End of the Flax"—A Mystery play by Felicity Douglas (B.B.C.T.S.).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—Health Week—The Doctor's Answer (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—"Gilbert and Sullivan"—The First Quartet (B.B.C.T.S.).

8.40 p.m.—Popular Classics.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.15 p.m.—St. Paul's Suite (Hobart)....

10.30 p.m.—Sergeant Stirling Orchestra.

10.40 p.m.—New Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Radio News—Self (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

BEATIFICATION CAUSES

Vatican City, May 27. The Sacred Congregation of Rites met today in the Vatican and approved the introduction of three beatification causes.

The new causes were Leon Ignatius Mangin of France and Pablo Dena of Spain, two Jesuit priests who suffered martyrdom in the Far East, and Monsignor Giuseppe Marelli, Italian Bishop of Acqui, who founded the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph.—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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HOW TO GET PRESENTS

EVERY bridge player likes to receive gifts from his opponents. But not all, by a jugful, know how to induce them to offer presents. The fundamental knowledge, which enables the keen competitor to figure out devices for that purpose, is understanding of the tendencies and habits of the human beings encountered at the table. For instance, if you consider that the holder of a long suit topped by the ace will almost never lead the ace against No Trump, you may treat a singleton king as a stopper of the suit and thereby perhaps promote the kind of result everybody likes to find on his birthday.

S 0 8 6 2
H 0 5 3
D None
C A Q J 8 5 4
S K Q S J 10 7 3
H A J 10 H Q 7
8 6 4 2 D J 9 6 2
C K 8 C 10 6 3
C 9 2

S A 5 4
H K
D A Q 10 7 5 4 3
C K 7

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable)

West North East South
1 H 2 C Pass 2 D
2 H 3 C Pass ?

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TOMORROW'S PROBLEM
S K J 10 9 2
H J 5
D A 9 2
C Q 7 2

S A 8 7 S Q 5 3
H K 10 7 H Q 9 8 6
3 D A 2
D K 8 7 4 S D Q 5
C 5 4 C 8 3

S 6 4
H A
D J 10 9 3
C A K J 10 9 6

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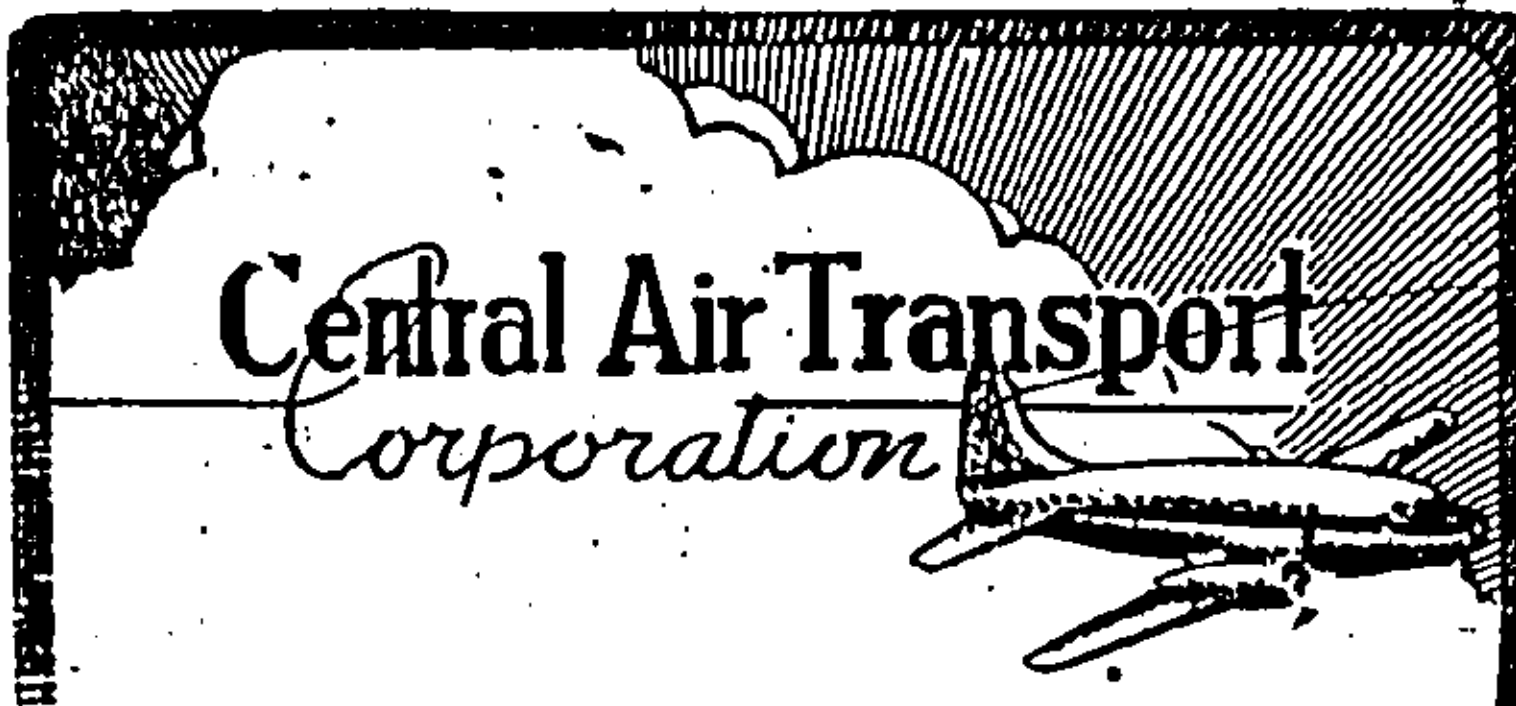
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A MIGHTY TALE

Mr. Churchill is the only man who passed through both world wars continuously (save for an undeserved interlude in 1916) in high executive office. He has already shown us what he had to say about the first and how magnificently he could say it. The extracts from his account of the second, which are now drawing to the close of the first book, show that a master of the tongue and sword is still also a master of the pen.

No similarly exhaustive and luxuriant account of a period of unsurpassed tragedy and triumph by a man who endured it all, saw it all as a whole, and shaped many of its phases has ever been written for the illumination of the present and for the guidance of future generations. Its value to both purposes is immeasurable. The story is carried in the current series to the end of the "twilight" war—the moment which brought Hitler to the Channel and Churchill, to the Premiership. It has been concerned therefore only with the period when the author was swimming indomitably against the stream of public opinion or scanning with undaunted eye in a lesser office the immense peril which neglect of his warnings had incurred. But we already see clearly what a merciful dispensation it was that a man was ready to lead Britain in a dreadful hour untainted by any responsibility for bringing such an ordeal upon us.

To one who dubbed the war "The Unnecessary War" those who allowed it to become inevitable were naturally exasperating. Did not one of them once sneer at Mr. Churchill's "lack of judgment," when the degree to which he was right both about details and in deductions from them is, as we now know, quite astonishing? They emerge from his story stripped of all bubble reputations, and the exposure extends to leaders of all parties. But again and again Mr. Churchill acknowledges that the sheep, to adapt Burke's saying, got the shepherds they deserved. The people were against Mr. Churchill. He finds the actions and attitude of such sheep and shepherds often inexcusable but never vile. He is at once censorious and generous. Indeed, he makes it clear that his opinion about Mr. Chamberlain changed when they were colleagues in a war Government from contempt to respect. Mr. Churchill was not always right. Many will think that he started wrong both about Mussolini's Italy and about Franco Spain; but, when all is said and done, how infinitely more right he was than anybody else.

His book makes an unchallengeable case against appeasement. It is, moreover, a permanent case. The main lesson, though Mr. Churchill largely lets his facts speak for themselves, is that what was tragic and demoralising before would be so again if it were tried anew. Mr. Churchill is scrupulously fair towards the Russians. He resents, as bitterly as they did, the way they were kept at arm's length when they were ready to clasp hands. But when the snubbed become the snubbers, he faces them exactly as he would face all aggressors.

This first book sheds new light on his character. Mr. Chamberlain at once pointed out that the enemy's measures had certainly been planned in advance and quite independently of ours. Even at that date this was obvious. Mr. Reynaud informed us that the French War Committee, presided over by the President, had that morning decided in principle on moving forward into Belgium should the Germans attack. The addition, he said, of 18 to 20 Belgian divisions, besides the shortening of the front, would to all intents and purposes wipe out the German preponderance in the West. The French were prepared to connect such an operation with the laying of the fluvial mines in the Rhine. He added that his reports from Belgium and Holland indicated the imminence of a German attack on the Low Countries; some said days, some said hours. The Council agreed that strong forces should be sent, where possible, to ports on the Norwegian seaboard, and joint plans were made. A French Alpine division was ordered to embark within two or three days. We were able to provide two British battalions that night, a further five battalions within three days, and four more within 14 days—all in all. Any additional British forces for Scandinavia would have to be withdrawn from France. Suitable measures were to be taken to occupy the Farø Islands, and assurances of protection would be given to Iceland. Naval arrangements were concerted in the Mediterranean in the event of Italian intervention. It was also decided that urgent representations should be made to the Belgian Government to invite the Allied armies to move forward into Belgium. Finally, it was confirmed that if Germany made an attack in the West or entered Belgium, "Royal Marine" (mine-laying in the Rhine) should be carried out. I was far from content with what had happened so far in Norway. I wrote to Admiral Pound: "The Germans have succeeded in occupying all the ports on the Norwegian coast, including Narvik, and large-scale operations will be required to turn them out of any of them. Norwegian neutrality and our respect for it have made it impossible to prevent this ruthless coup. It is now necessary to take a new view. We must put up with the disadvantage of closer air attack on our northern bases. We must seal up Bergen with a watched minefield, and concentrate on Narvik, for which long and severe fighting will be required. It is immediately necessary to obtain one or two fuelling bases on the Norwegian coast, and a wide choice presents itself. Narvik must be fought for. Although we have been completely outwitted, there is no reason to suppose that prolonged and serious fighting in this area will not impose a greater drain on the enemy than on ourselves. For three days we were deluged with reports and rumours from neutral countries and triumphant claims by Germany of the British Navy, and of their masterstroke in seizing Norway. In the teeth of our superior naval power, anger swept the country, and the brunt fell upon the Admiralty. On Thursday, the 11th, I had to face a disturbed and indignant House of Commons. I followed the method I have always found most effective on such occasions of giving a calm, unhurried fact.



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After an hour and a half the House deemed to be worth a less estranged. A little later there would have been more to tell. By the morning of April 10 the Warship had joined the Commander-in-Chief, who was proceeding towards Narvik. On learning about Capt. Warburton-Lee's attack at dawn we resolved to try again. The cruiser Force, with destroyer support, was

all sunk or wrecked with the loss of a single British ship.

When the action was over Adm. Whitworth thought of throwing a landing party of seamen and marines ashore to occupy the town, where there seemed for the moment to be no opposition. Unless the fire of the Warship could dominate the scene, an inevitable counter-attack by a greatly superior number of German soldiers must be expected.

With the risk from the air and by U-boats he did not feel justified in exposing this fine ship so long. His decision was endorsed when a dozen German aircraft appeared at 6 p.m. Accordingly he withdrew early next morning after embarking the wounded from the destroyers.

"My impression," he said, "is that the enemy forces in Narvik were thoroughly frightened as a result of today's action. I recommend that the town be occupied without delay by the main landing-force. Two destroyers were left off the port to watch

our trained troops, and many only half-trained, were in France. Still, we felt bound to do our utmost to go to their aid, even at violent derangement of our own preparations and interests.

Narvik, it seemed, could certainly be seized and defended with benefit to the whole Allied cause. Here the King of Norway might fly his flag unconquered. Trondheim might be fought for, at any rate as a means of delaying the northward advance of the invaders until Narvik could be regained and made the base of an army.

This, it seemed, could be maintained from the sea at a strength superior to anything which could be brought against it by land through 800 miles of mountain country. The Cabinet heartily

approved all possible measures for the rescue and defence of Narvik and Trondheim.

The troops which had been released from the Finnish project and a nucleus kept in hand for Narvik could soon be ready. They lacked aircraft, anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank guns, tanks, transport and training.

The whole of Northern Norway was covered with snow to depths which none of our soldiers had ever seen, felt, or imagined. There were neither snow-shoes nor skis—still less sleds. We must do our best. Thus began this ramshackle campaign.

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SECRET MEETINGS ON GERMANY

London, May 27.

Representatives of the Western Powers met in secret over the week-end to resolve the sudden deadlock in their negotiations for settlement of Western Germany.

Official quarters remained silent on the progress of the talks. It was understood, however, that considerable efforts were made to narrow the gap between the United States and French views on the future set-up of Western Germany.

The French anxieties were said to be guided by two considerations:

1. The desire for concrete guarantees against a recurrence of German aggression.
2. Apprehensions lest an early setting up of the Western German government might produce for the Soviet reaction.

The French argued that they have already made considerable concessions on a number of important issues and would like to see similar concessions in respect of their security considerations.

British and United States sources expected a settlement to be reached sometime this week though it is not sure whether agreement would be complete and final.

Scheduled to continue tomorrow.

—United Press.

Oxford, May 26.

Last Saturday undergraduate members of Oxford University's Labour Club voted Miss Anne Whates as the girl for whom they would most willingly jump in the River Isis.

Today six of them did. Hundreds watched as the boys plunged in, in a stunt taken from Max Beer's novel "Zuleika Dobson" of half a century ago.

Lady Margaret Hall wore a gay Edwardian costume for the occasion. She was poled down the river in a gaily decorated punt. After the jumping in, she served rum and cake.

An analysis of the ballots by one newspaper showed that 30 percent of the voters were a bit hazy as to what they were voting for.

Ten percent thought they were voting for the girl they would most like to throw in the river; 15 percent thought they were choosing the girl they would most like to jump into the river with.

—Associated Press.

Nicosia, May 26.

Sixteen United States Air Force Dakotas and three Flying Fortress landed at Nicosia airport this evening.—Reuter.

Rome Criticisms Of US Policy

Rome, May 26.

The independent newspaper, *Il Momento*, today criticises United States relations with Russia, saying: "The world has not been able to understand whether the American Government really wanted to open the door (to agreement with the Soviet Union) or to close it."

Analysing Ambassador Bevel Smith's recent meeting with the Soviet's Molotov, *Il Momento* said that "everything in this glamorous, apparently contradictory United States State Department's officially proclaimed policy of 'firm resistance' to the Soviet Union."

The newspaper said that "factors or ingenuities of American diplomacy gave Molotov a golden opportunity 'to create sus-

tion between the United States and other Western powers and weaken the Government's position in the eyes of United States public opinion and made Russia look like the champion of world peace."

Henry Wallace also came under attack from *Il Momento*, which said: "Wallace's open letter to Premier Stalin was 'either intention or ingenuity or in colonial bad faith.' In it, assuming that peace could be reached by talking, he made concessions with the Soviet Union."

Despite all the previous discussions, Britain and France were caught unprepared by the German Invasion of Norway.

ordered to attack "if in the light of experience this morning should consider it a justifiable operation." But while the signals were passing Penelope, in searching for enemy transports reported off Bodo, ran ashore.

The next day (12th) a dive-bombing attack on enemy ships in Narvik harbour was made from the Furious. The attack was pressed home in terrible weather and low visibility, and four hits on destroyers were claimed for the loss of two aircraft. This was not enough. We wanted Narvik very much and were determined at least to clear it of the German Navy. The climax was now at hand.

The precious *Renown* was kept out of it. Adm. Whitworth shifted his flag to the Warship at sea, and at noon on the 13th he entered the fjord escorted by nine destroyers and by dive-bombers from the Furious.

There were no minefields; but a U-boat was driven off by the destroyers and a second sunk by the Warship's own Swordfish aircraft, which also destroyed a German destroyer lurking in an inlet to launch her torpedoes on the battleship from this ambush. The hostile destroyer was quickly overwhelmed.

At 1.30 p.m., when our ships were through the Narrows and a dozen miles from Narvik, five enemy destroyers appeared ahead in the haze. At once a fierce fight began with all ships on both sides firing and manoeuvring rapidly.

The Warship found no shore batteries to attack, and intervened in deadly fashion in the destroyer fight. The thunder of her 15-inch guns reverberated among the surrounding mountains like the voice of doom. The enemy, heavily overmatched, retreated, and the action broke up into separate combats.

Some of our ships went into Narvik harbour to complete the task of destruction there; others, led by the Eskimo, pursued three Germans who sought refuge in the head waters of Rombaks fiord and annihilated them there. The bows of the Eskimo were blown off by a torpedo, but in this second sea-fight off Narvik the eight enemy destroyers which had survived Warburton-Lee's attack

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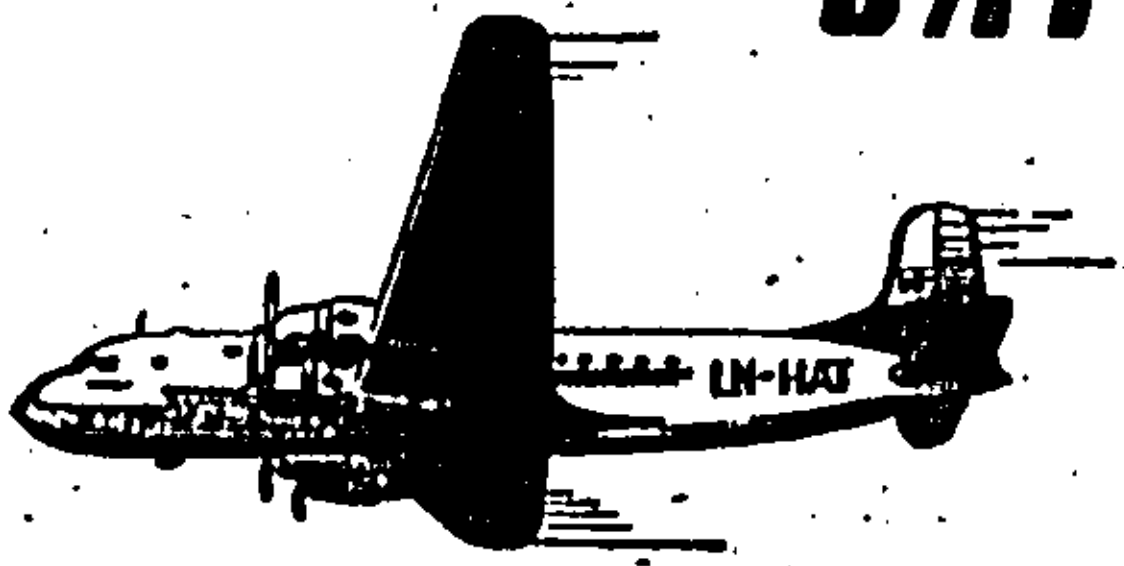
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ARABS REJECT TRUCE APPEAL

Cannot Stop Military Action Without Political Conditions Existence Of "Israel" An Act Of Aggression

Lake Success, May 26.

The Arabs rejected tonight a United Nations cease fire order for Palestine. But they asked the Security Council to state promptly whether it could offer any acceptable terms for a political settlement that might stop their war with Jewish Israel in the Holy Land.

Invitation To Italy Premature

London, May 26. Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, told Parliament today that it would be premature to invite Italy to join the Western Union at this stage before there has been any indication that the Italian Government and people desired to accede to the Brussels Treaty.

He added that the Italian Government had just been formed and its policy has not yet been declared.—Reuter.

The New House Of Commons

London, May 26. The Speaker of the House of Commons, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, today used a 100-year-old mallet to lay the foundation stone of the new Chamber erected on the site of that destroyed in a German air raid in 1941. The mallet had been used in the building of the original House of Commons a century ago.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, Leader of the Opposition, and Dominion and Empire representatives attended the ceremony.

Mr. Attlee said "Hitler may have thought that by destroying our Chamber he was delivering a blow against Democracy, but the House is not a building, but a living fellowship renewed through the centuries, always in essence the same."

The new House is expected to be ready in 1950. Since 1941, the Commons have sat in the House of Lords, the Peers holding their sessions in the King's robing room.—Reuter.

PROTECTION FOR US CODING SYSTEM

Washington, May 27. A Chicago Tribune 1942 news story listing the names of Japanese ships in the Battle of Midway was discussed today at the Senate Armed Services Committee before approving a bill to tighten the protection of the United States coding system. At that time the Navy claimed that the publication of the story was unauthorized and that it tipped off the Japanese that the United States had broken the Japanese Naval codes. It was understood that the new measure, which the committee approved today, would subject newspapers to punishment for similar types of disclosures. The bill provides a maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine plus 10 years in prison for violation of provisions banning disclosures concerning preparation or use of codes, design of cryptographic apparatus or United States intelligence activities.—United Press.

No ERP Aid Yet

London, May 27. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, told the Commons today that Britain has not received any money or goods yet under the European Recovery program. However, he said the ERP Administrator, Paul Hoffman, has authorized supplies from Canada for Britain worth \$40,500,000. He was answering a series of questions. When asked directly about charges made in the United States that Britain is using ERP money, he said the Arabs in Palestine, he said, "We have received no money."—United Press.

The result tonight of long conferences here and at Amman, Trans-Jordan, is that the fighting goes on and the Jews have declared unacceptable the conditions laid down by Arabs for a truce.

The Arab countries individually said they could not stop fighting as long as Israel claimed existence as a nation.

They demanded also that the United Nations ban import of arms to the Jews and limit Jewish immigration in Palestine.

The individual replies were considerably sharper than the note to the Security Council from the Arab League chiefs meeting in Amman.

Dr. Najil Al Asil of Iraq read the Arab League reply to the Council. He said the Arabs have no guarantee that the cease-fire would stop Zionist violence.

Israel replied—through the Jewish Agency for Palestine—that the Arab answers were a flagrant rejection of the Council's appeal. The Jews said if the Arab states want peace with Israel they can have it and if they want war, they can have it.

At Move

Several UN delegates construed the Arab replies as constituting defiance of the UN order to stop fighting at 1700 GMT today. But Arab sources insisted the Arabs must have concrete, specific proposals for a final settlement before they can talk about stopping the fighting.

One Arab here summed it up this way: "The Arab League regards the very existence of Israel as an act of aggression. This is the view of the Arab League, the Arab countries and every Arab everywhere."

The deadline laid down by the Security Council on Monday passed without a formal reply to the UN from the Arabs and without a let-up in the fighting in Palestine.

Confronted by what many delegates construed to be an outright refusal by the Arabs to comply with the Council's order, members of the Council considered their next move.

Worldwide Break?

One big power delegate said there is a growing opinion that the Council must order a worldwide break in diplomatic relations with countries failing to observe its stop fighting order.

American Precautions

Washington, May 26. About two dozen United States Air Force transport planes are standing by in Cyprus to evacuate American citizens from the Near East should the necessity arise, the State Department announced today.

A State Department spokesman said that the Nicosia airport was being used under agreement with the British Government.—Reuter.

British Ship Arrested

Sourabaya, May 26. Captain T. D. Richards, of the Singapore motorship Coorabale, 298 tons, appeared before the Magistrate's Court here today, charged with smuggling contraband into Indonesian Republican territory on Sumatra's East Coast.

The contraband consisted of petrol, oil and steel. It was exchanged for palm oil and estate rubber.

Capt. Richards said he was unaware that the goods were contraband, and he did not know that he did not have a permit to enter Netherlands East Indies territorial waters.

He said he thought his employers had received a "semi-official" permit. The Coorabale was intercepted at Toeban and towed here. The ship's Chief Engineer said that Capt. Richards had "most certainly" known about import restrictions. He said that the vessel had also unloaded arms and ammunition in Republican territory.—Reuter.

RAMC Man On Trial

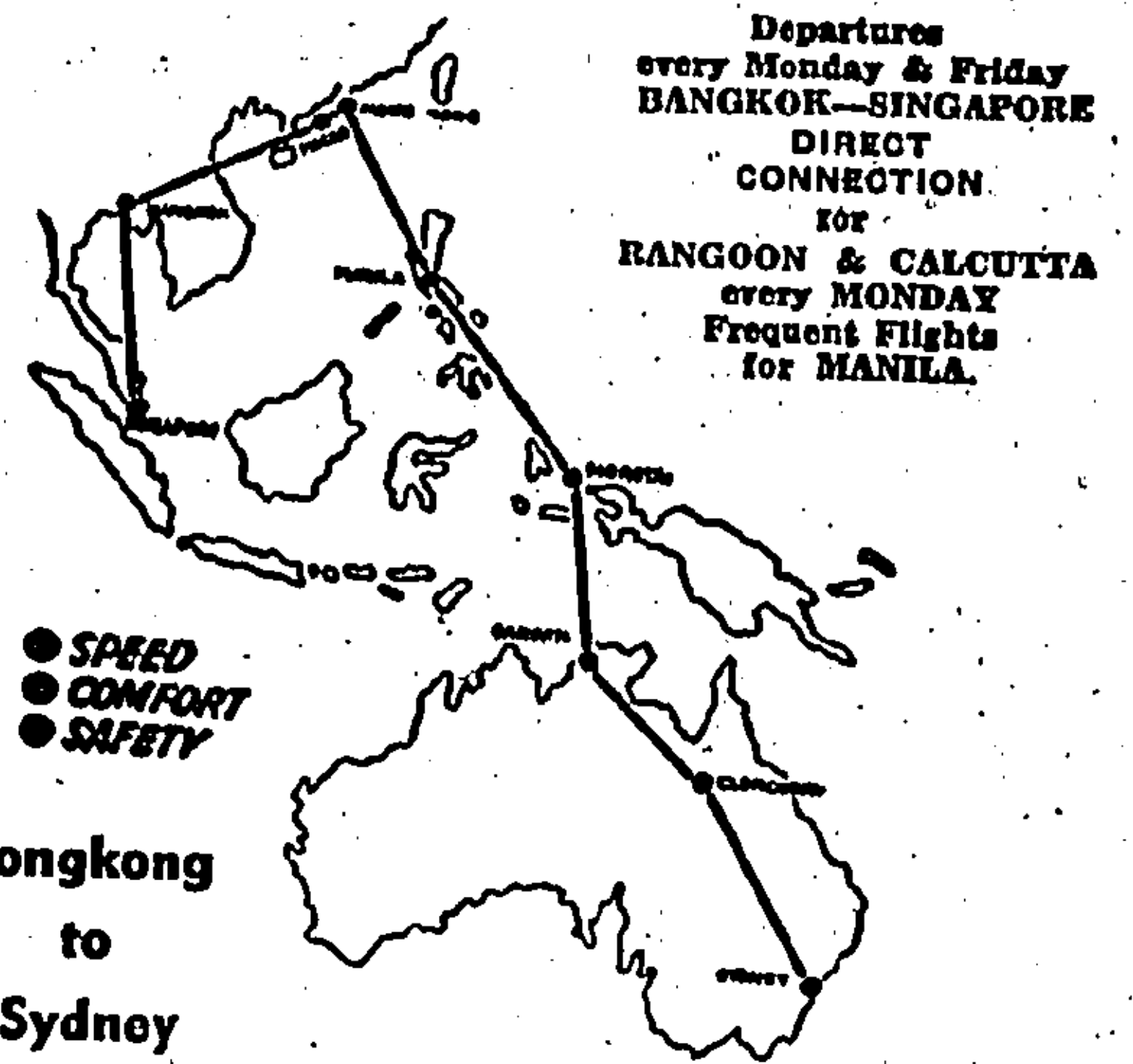
London, May 26. A court martial here today decided that there was no case to answer on three charges of professional neglect against Captain John Stuart Smith, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who is being tried on two charges of manslaughter and 14 charges of professional neglect of German internees at a Bad Nenndorf camp.

The President announced that the trial would proceed on the other 13 charges, including the manslaughter charges, and adjourned the court until Friday.

Today was the third day of Captain Smith's trial, which reopened in London on Monday after being transferred from Hamburg.

Captain Smith has pleaded not guilty to all charges.—Reuter.

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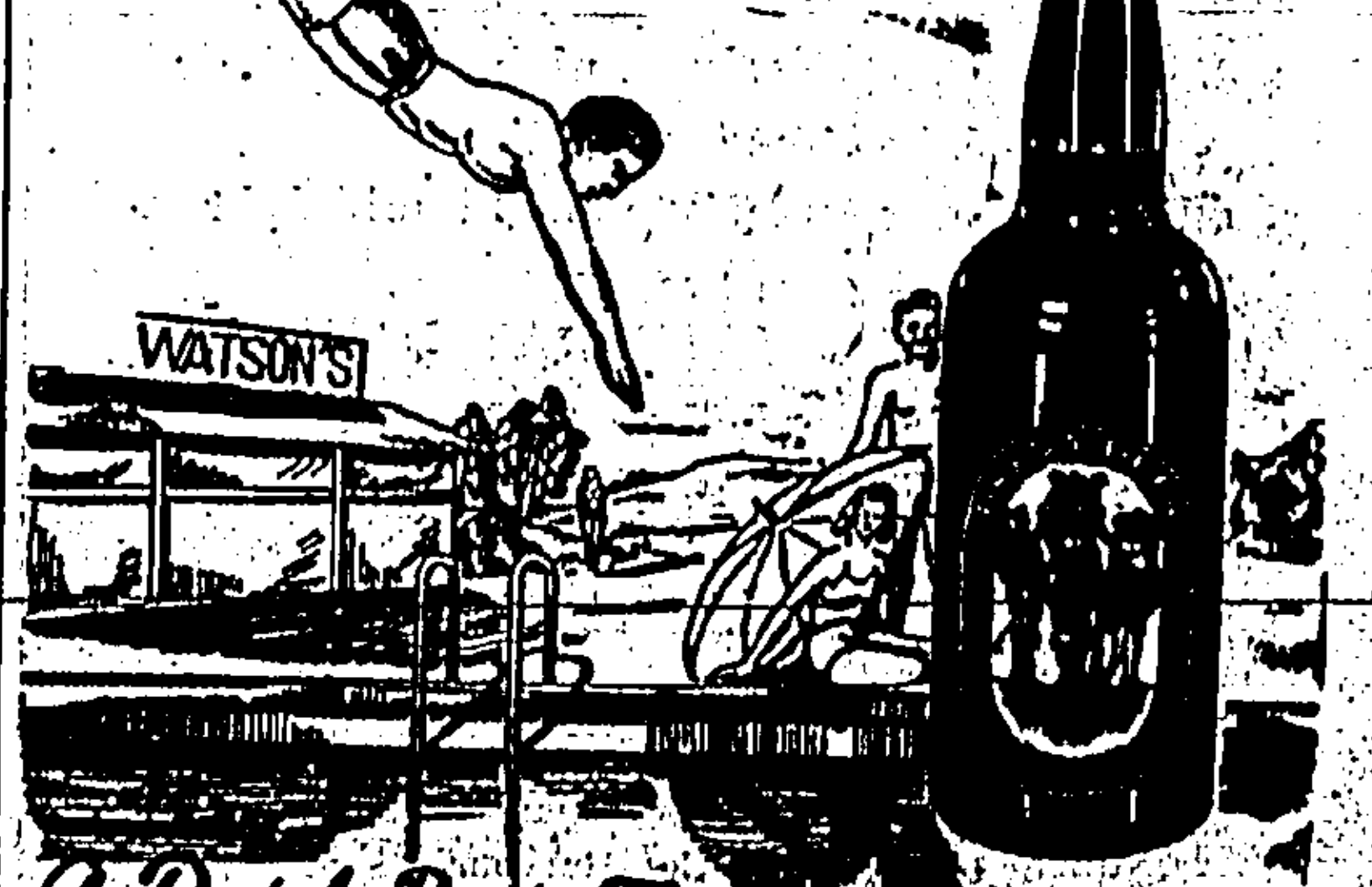
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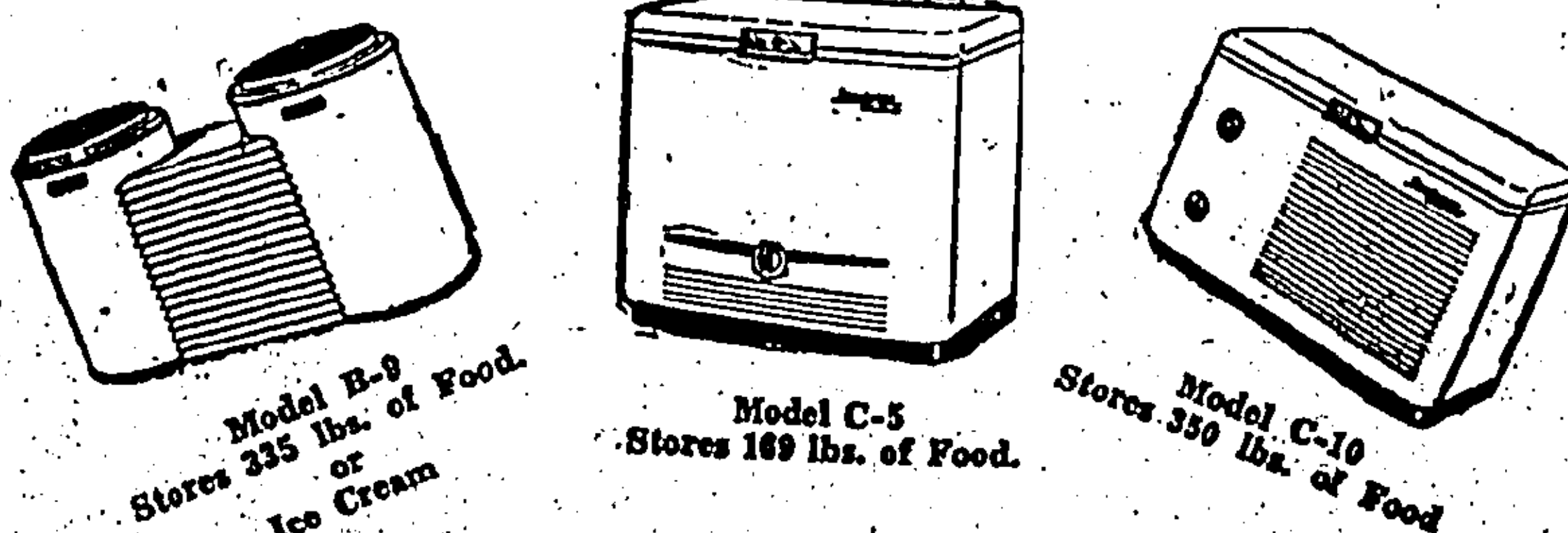
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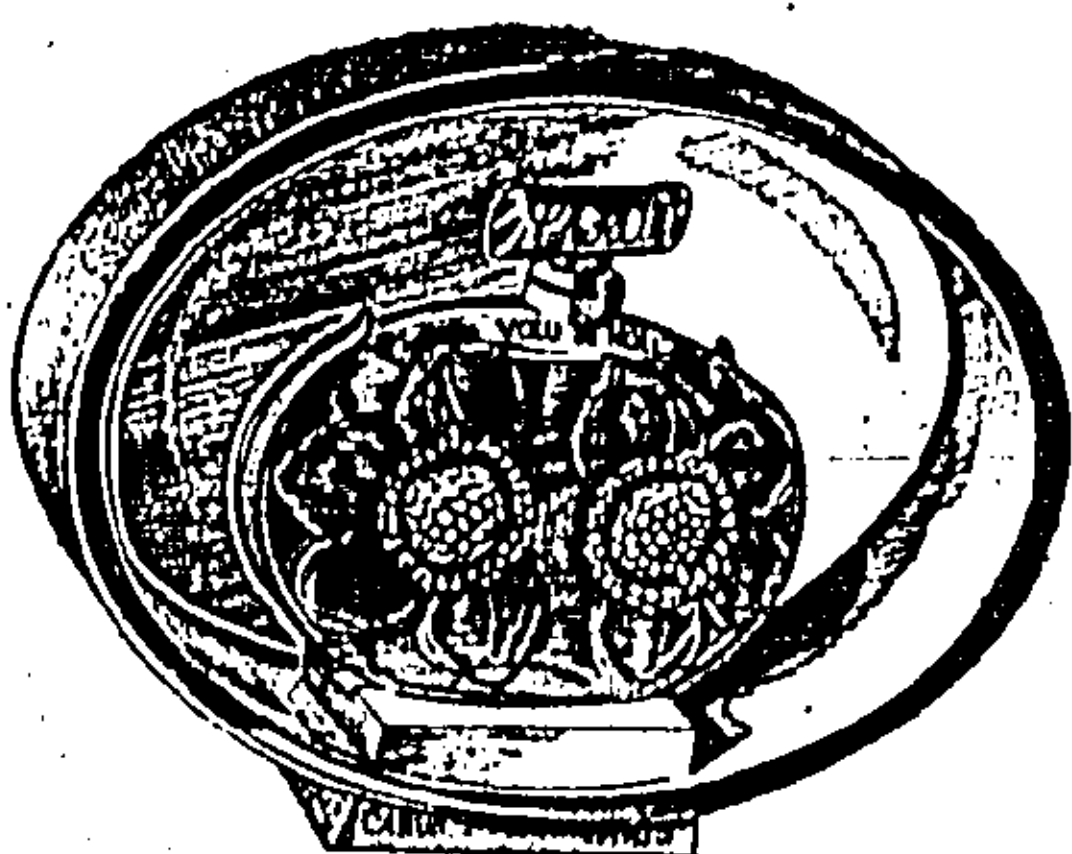


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CINEMA WORLD

ARE SCREEN STORIES WRITTEN OR ADAPTED?

Do best-sellers make suitable screen material? Sometimes they do — but British film-makers seem to make better films from little-known books by obscure authors.

The question "whether the cinema should rely on stories written for the screen or on literature has frequently been discussed. There are points in favour of both the original and the adapted story, and each has played its part in contemporary film-making in Britain.

Two original screenplays of very different type which have become world successes are "The Seventh Veil", written by its producer, Sydney Box, and his wife, and "Hue and Cry", written by T.E.B. Clarke for Ealing Studios.

On the other hand, the use of screen versions of literary works, whether plays or novels, is an old established tradition. Even film producers before 1914 combed the whole of literature, including the Bible and Homer, for their two and three-reel film dramas.

Today there are three ways of approaching this question. The first and most obvious is to acquire the screen rights of either a bestselling novel or of an outstanding stage success. The producer is less concerned with its suitability for screening than with exploiting its popularity.

Immortals And Cinema
The second type of screen version, an ambitious attempt to adapt the immortal works of great poets and writers, is perhaps the most important of all.

Here is the highest mission of the cinema, to take to millions of cinemagoers of all countries the finest treasures of world literature which most of them would otherwise have never known.

Two outstanding examples in recent years have been the screen adaptations of Shakespeare's play "King Henry V." and Charles Dickens' novel "Great Expectations." Their reception all over the world showed that there were vast audiences in every continent eager to see an immortal English novel, or a Shakespeare play performed in the English way.

An alternative to this second type of screen adaptation is the selection of lesser known plays and novels, merely on their suitability for the screen.

ability for the screen. This method now prevails in British studios. Just as a composer may be inspired to set a poem to music, so a work of literature may have certain qualities that inspire its transformation into cinema.

An outstanding instance is "Brief Encounter", originally a short radio play by Noel Coward which, in its film version directed by David Lean, has become one of the classics of the screen. The same can be said of "Odd Man Out."

Maugham "Quartet"
A novelist whose works have frequently proved excellent screen material is Somerset Maugham. At present no less than five of his stories are being filmed, though four of them will form one film. This is "Quartet", now in production at Gainsborough Studios, London, under Sydney Box. It includes "The Colonel's Lady," "The Allen Corn," "The Facts of Life," and "The Kite." An interesting feature of this film is that the author is making a personal appearance in it. He will introduce the film and read the narrative linking the four stories. Modern English literature, by authors not as yet so well known



"ASSIGNMENT IN BRITTANY": Jean Pierre Aumont stars in this drama of Frenchmen who fought their war in France—as Underground spies for the Allies. Susan Peters plays the Breton girl who loves him—and rescues him. (Showing soon at the Queen's: Paramount.)

abroad provides a good deal of interesting material for current productions. Best known of these younger authors is probably H.E. Bates, whose book "Fair Stood The Wind for France," a story of the war, will be made by David Lean, while the film version of one of his latest books, "London Belongs to Me," is being made by Frank Launder and Sidney Gilliat.

London Preview Of "Hamlet"

Even though space is so limited in Britain's four-page newspapers, preview notices of Laurence Olivier's presentation of "HAMLET" for Two Cities were given many columns of type in special features. The film was shown at a World Premiere to the King and Queen at the Odeon, Leicester Square, on May 6.

It was London's most glamorous premiere since the end of the war. As well as the Royal Party which included Princess Margaret, there were at least six members of the British Cabinet in the audience. Also there were diplomats representing virtually every country in the world and leading personalities from every phase of British life. Star guests were Jean Simmons—and Laurence Olivier's step-mother (Laurence Olivier is still touring Australia with his wife Vivien Leigh and an Old Vic Shakespearean Company.)

Reviews

The critics said: "THE TIMES": Hamlet is proof that the greatest of Shakespeare's plays can be translated to the screen without loss of dignity to the author and to the immense enjoyment of a public suspicious of his name.

"DAILY MAIL": I was moved by Sir Laurence Olivier's film of "HAMLET" than by any stage production of the play that I can remember.

"DAILY TELEGRAPH": Sir Laurence Olivier's new £500,000 version of "HAMLET" will be long remembered as one of the two finest Shakespearean films yet made.

"DAILY EXPRESS": When the perfect film comes to be made, it will be like that last phase of Hamlet, and it will be almost too much to bear. This film production of "Hamlet" is one man's conception, and it is a great one.

"DAILY MIRROR": The film is a British movie masterpiece artistically ahead of any Continental or American production I can recall.... This is great cinema.... You will never forget the pictorial magnificence, the vivid action, the music, the costumes, the settings of the film.

SHADOWS BEFORE

"A NIGHT IN CASABLANCA" (Lee)

Stars: The Marx Bros.
Story: Trying to disentangle the story from the zynopziz zenzd One slightly zany. The Marx Bros. are meant to be joyed, not analysed. Ronald Korbrow (Groucho), the mustachioed one, takes a fill-in job as a hotel-manager, the former managers of the hotel having dees-appeared. Post-war Casablanca contains Nazi spies trying to get their looted treasure out of poor Groucho's hotel, a discredited French officer, Pierre (Charles Drake), nervy sirens, and a disbelieving (who blames them) governor and chief of police. But it's a Marx Bros. picture. (United Artists).

"THE LADY FROM SHANGHAI" (King's)

Stars: Rita Hayworth, Orson Welles.
Story: Elsa Bannister (Rita Hayworth) beautiful wife of wealthy, crippled Arthur Bannister (Everett Sloane), falls in love with adventurer Michael O'Hara (Orson Welles). He ships on her husband's yacht, and meets temptation in the form of Grisby, Bannister's partner. Grisby proposes to "die", let O'Hara be accused of his murder in order to get the insurance. No body being found, O'Hara would go free. The scheme miscarries and O'Hara and Elsa are tried for murder. O'Hara escapes, discovers Elsa's double-cross, and leaves Elsa and Arthur Bannister fighting it out in an amusement park. Tough business. (Columbia).

"YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FOREVER" (Lee)

Star: George Brent, Brenda Marshall.
Story: This is a comedy-thriller that has lost a bit of its punch through lack of a war, since most of its plot concerns the unmasking of a political boss who specialises in illegal shipments of wartime-scarce tires and sugar. The rest is slapstick, but funny for a that. Steve Mitchell (George Brent) is a city editor on a daily paper when a

friend, Crowder, is murdered. Crowder was working on an expose of the local Boss Greer, racketeer, and Mitchell sets off to follow up the story. His efforts land him a job running the "Bewildered Hearst" column, replacing his girl-friend Laurie Abbott (Brenda Marshall). All ends happily, except for Boss Greer. (Warners Bros.).

"THE GHOST & MRS. MUIR" (Star)

Star: Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison, George Sanders.
Story: The Ghost part of the title is no wailing banshee scantly clad in a frayed sheet. He is a solid (?) salty sea captain, Daniel Gregg, who haunts his beloved Gull Cottage. Gull Cottage is rented by an independent young widow, Mrs. Lucy Muir, and who brings herself, her young daughter and housekeeper to live there. She and the ghost become friendly, and when she loses her fortune she makes another by writing Captain Gregg's life story (with his ghost's full co-operation). Her ill-fated love affair with her publisher, Miles Fairley (George Sanders), sends the ghost away, and he does not return until years afterwards, when Mrs. Muir's daughter is about to be married. (20th Century Fox).

"ADVENTURE ISLAND" (Queen's)

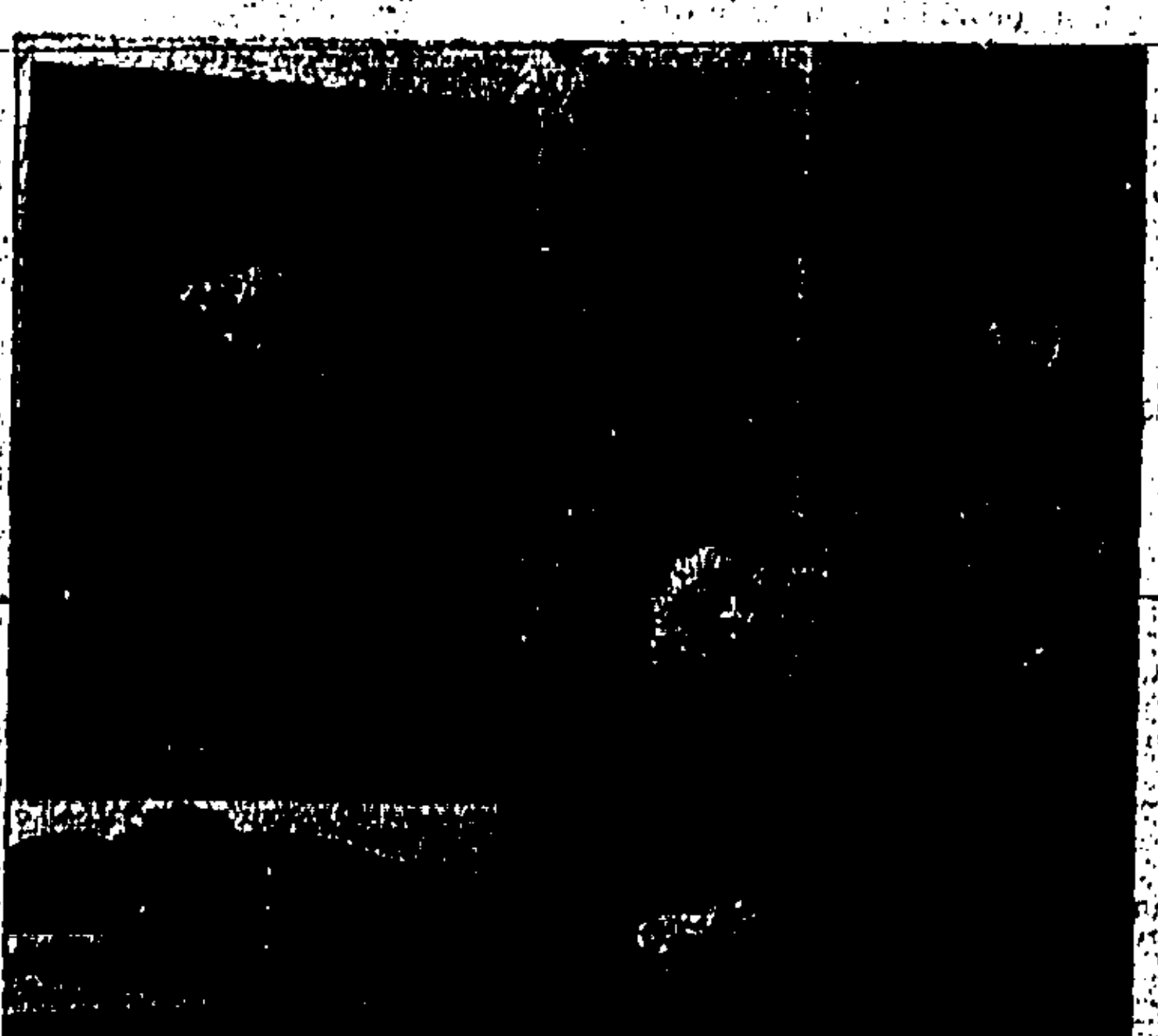
Stars: Rory Calhoun, Rhonda Fleming.
Story: The story comes from Robert Louis Stevenson's "Ebb Tide", one of his South Sea tales. "Adventure Island" concerns two beach rats, (Paul Kelly & John Abbott), who plan to steal a ship and cargo. They team up with "Mr. Herriek" (Rory Calhoun), down-on-his-luck-er. Plans misfire, however, when they are caught on an uncharted island, ruled by a madman, (John Napier). The rest is action. Rory Calhoun, "discovered" in "The Red House", brings more than favour of Alan Ladd—and his own Latin good looks to his first big role. Rhonda Fleming is the ship-owner, Faith Wahart, and supplies the romantic interest adequately. (Paramount).

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Three reporters, as played by George Brent, Brenda Marshall and Rosemary Karna, on the brink of a Frankfurter story. This is Rosemary Karna's role as a newspaperman, so his printer's ink and grease-paint should be well mixed by now. (Warners Bros.).

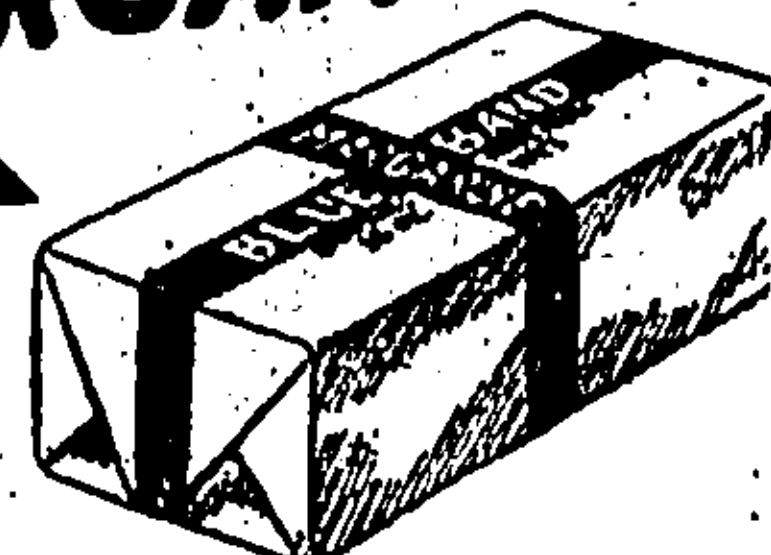
"THE GHOST AND MRS. MUIR"



Lucy Muir talks to her land agent in Gull Cottage, the haunted house she proposes to rent. Captain Daniel Gregg (Rex Harrison) certainly is. (20th Century Fox).

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The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

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FINLAND'S COMPROMISE**Communists Appointed To Cabinet**

Helsinki, May 26.

President J. Paasikivi today ended Finland's five-day-old political crisis by appointing People's Democrats (Communist-Socialist coalition) to two vacant ministries.

He appointed M. Eino Kilpi, belonging to the Socialist Wing of the People's Democrats, as Minister of the Interior in place of M. Y. Leino, Communist holder whom the President dismissed last Saturday after Parliament had censured his policy.

M. Kilpi is also Education Minister. A former assistant to M. Leino, he was expelled from the Social Democratic Party yesterday for deciding to stand as a People's Democrat candidate in the July General Elections.

Both he and Premier Juhani Paasikivi were offered the Interior post yesterday, but refused.

Shanghai Land Decision

Shanghai, May 27.

All privately-owned land now occupied by various Government organs will be restored to their owners, except in a few instances, like the Lungshwa airfield, according to a proposal of the Land Liquidation Committee of the Bureau of Land Administration.

Where continued use of private land by Government organs is unavoidable, rental will be paid to the land owners.

The measures will come up for final approval at a general meeting in a few days.

Over 30,000 mow (5,000 acres) of private land, formerly considered by the enemy and snags and later taken over by the Chinese Government, are today still in occupation by various Government organs.—Reuter.

President Paasikivi also appointed Mme. Kuusinen Leino, Communist Chairman of the People's Democrat Parliamentary group, as Minister without Portfolio, a post vacant since the previous Minister some time ago was named Finnish Minister to Switzerland.

The People's Democrats, demanding the appointment of two of their men to these posts, had called strikes involving 80 factories in Helsinki, 71 in Turku, 30 in Lahti and 10 in Tampere.

A Compromise

As President Paasikivi pondered over his decision today, the Action Committee of the People's Democrat Party was meeting to consider what new measures they should adopt to force the President's hand.

The appointments of M. Kilpi and Madame Kuusinen Leino are a compromise. Yesterday the Communist Party issued a declaration insisting on a Communist Minister of the Interior. All other parties opposed this.

The compromise has been achieved because M. Kilpi has the confidence of all parties and Madame Leino is regarded as the Communists' strongest and most intelligent figure.

When M. Kilpi said yesterday that he did not want the Interior post, he added that if the post was given to the Communists, "all strikes would cease immediately."—Reuter.

Germ Warfare Arrests

Cairo, May 26.

An official statement issued here tonight said "two Zionists were arrested near the Egyptian Army encampment at Gaza, in southern Palestine, and on being questioned said they had received orders to put typhoid and dysentery microbes into drinking water used by Egyptian troops."

They were said to have put microbes into a well north of Gaza.

Water flasks used for the "operation" were found on one of the arrested men, "while the other confessed he threw a bottle of microbes into the waters."—Reuter.

Italian Appeal To Powers

London, May 27.

Official sources told the United Press today that Italy had appealed to the Big Four powers for assistance in fixing her frontier with Yugoslavia following the breakdown of direct negotiations.

A note from Italy reached the Foreign Office, which is considering further steps on an Ambassadorial level; under the peace treaty the Ambassadors in Rome of the United States, Britain, France and Russia are to act for final settlement if the bilateral Boundary Commission fails to agree.

Italy has complained that agreement has proved impossible because of Yugoslav obstruction, particularly in the area north of Trieste. The exact boundary line has been laid down in Article 8 of the Italian peace treaty which stipulated that the Italo-Yugoslav Boundary Commission should complete its work within six months after the treaty came into force.

The treaty made allowance for minor departures from the agreed demarcation line by up to half a kilometre, "to adjust the frontier to local geographical and economic conditions, provided that no village or town of more than 500 inhabitants and no important railways are involved."

The Foreign Office could not confirm British press reports that the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, had asked the Big Four powers to revise military clauses in the Italian peace treaty and restore to Italy the freedom to defend her frontiers in what was termed the "usual way."—United Press.

TOWN PLANNING

Ceylon, May 26.

Sir Patrick Abercrombie, who has been advising the Ceylon Government on numerous town planning schemes during the past two months, left Colombo by air for London today. He is due back in Colombo in October after visiting Australia.—Associated Press.

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SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TREVAN"	Singapore, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) Hamburg	31st May
"ORBITA"	Shanghai & Japan	2nd June
"TREVAN"	Shanghai & Japan	4th June
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"OZARDA"	Shanghai	10th June

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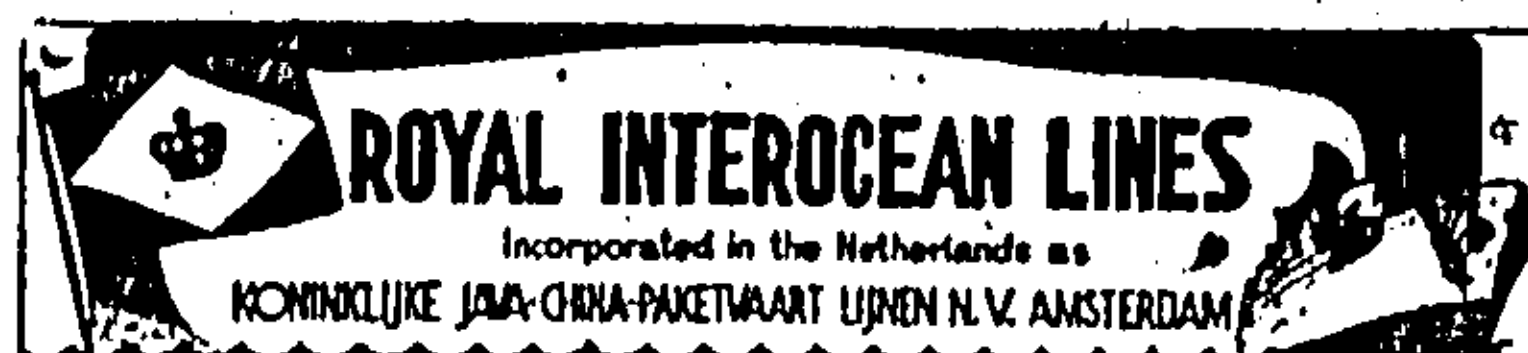
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ARRIVALS		
From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	17th June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"
SAILINGS		
For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	23rd June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
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New Negotiation In London

(By SYDNEY GAMPBELL)

London, May 26.

The background for the forthcoming negotiations in London on India's and Pakistan's sterling balances was regarded today as both better and worse than could reasonably have been expected when these negotiations were arranged.

To the good are Whitehall's efforts to educate American and British opinion on the justice of India's case—at least in principle, whatever disputes may develop on quantity—and the great improvement in both India's and the world's grain position.

Shortage and dearth of grain have hitherto been a major trouble in the whole question of drawings on India's sterling balance. Grain is not yet wholly out of this trouble, but unquestionably the prospects are far better than they were.

Developments to the bad arise from the European Recovery Programme in the sense that the help will not go nearly as far as was expected.

Negotiations with India and Pakistan were postponed for the very reason of allowing time for the prospects of ERP to develop. They have developed, but not, unfortunately, in the way that would most ease these negotiations.

Since the February negotiations with India and Pakistan, the ERP allocations have become known, and have also become known as inadequate. The allocation to Britain has been reduced, and is not beyond possibility of further reduction, while simultaneously Britain's own visible trade deficit has jumped sharply.

Very Urgent

This week the British Treasury stated that to reduce the drain on the sterling area's gold and dollar reserves is "even more urgent" than to

Well-Timed

Statements and remarks from Washington and elsewhere make it plain that this can no longer be taken for granted.

If the Indian negotiations in London can resolve this uncertainty with Washington, it may be their most significant long-run achievement. In that sense, the London talks may after all prove to have been most opportune. If, as there is good reason to believe, Britain and India have a common cause and a justifiable one against Washington's criticism, it may be well, at this apparently critical juncture,

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the 31st May, 1948, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

WALLEN & CO., Agents,
Telephone 34177-3,
26th May, 1948.

Money Market

Gold took the ascent again yesterday to reach \$328.25 a troy, the highest for the past three weeks. It had opened at \$323.25. Towards the close it eased off to \$326.37 1/2.

Deliveries totalled 6,870 troy, of which 1,870 were official and 5,000 unofficial.

Pinstripes opened at \$10.85 and closed at \$10.82 1/2 a 100.

Chinese National Currency opened at 4.55 cents (for CN\$10,000) for futures, and 4.6 cents for spot. Futures remained unchanged throughout the day, but spot dropped to 4.575 cents.

U.S. dollars continued firm at \$3.47 1/2, but Sterling eased off slightly to \$14.30. Australian pounds remained at \$12.55.

Tenils were slightly easier at \$25.00 a 100, and NEI Guilders were steady at \$42.80 a 100.

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Notice To Consignees

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s.s. "ST. THOMAS"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 3rd June.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 4th June, 1948, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 14th June, 1948, or they will not be recognised.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents,
Hong Kong, 28th May, 1948.

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